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Re: Annual Report of County-Tribal Law Enforcement Programs

Dear Governor Evers, Representative Mursau, Chief Clerk Queensland, and Assistant Chief Clerk Inabet:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.90(5), the Wisconsin Department of Justice is required to report on the performance of cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter serves as our report.

The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Program provides funding to counties and tribes for law enforcement operations. To be eligible for funding, a county and tribe must develop and submit a joint program plan. This plan includes resolutions of support adopted by both the county board and tribal governing body, signifying cooperation and mutual commitment. This joint planning process plays an important role in building stronger relationships and in closing the gap between community members and law enforcement.

The grants awarded because of the joint planning process provide vital funding for a variety of law enforcement services in predominantly Native American communities across Wisconsin. Funds are used for the costs of personnel, including patrol officers, dispatch staff, and officer overtime. Funds are also used to provide law enforcement tools including vehicles, vests, and communication equipment. Lastly, funds are utilized to provide offices with continuing training to better serve these communities.

The grants awarded through this program, appropriated in the biennial budget, are supported by tribal gaming receipts. The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2021 was \$631,200. For the Calendar Year 2021 funding cycle, the department issued 19 awards:

County	Tribe	CY2021 Award
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$44,763
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$16,508
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$42,437
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$34,190
Burnett	St. Croix Chippewa	\$22,084
Iron	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$58,365
Forest	Potawatomi	\$34,968
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$35,540
Jackson	Ho Chunk Nation	\$25,256
Juneau	Ho Chunk Nation	\$31,636
Menominee	Menominee	\$71,318
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$22,832
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$31,137
Polk	St. Croix Chippewa	\$20,860
Sauk	Ho Chunk Nation	\$24,287
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	\$50,477
Shawano	Ho Chunk Nation	\$19,386
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican	\$26,915
Wood	Ho Chunk Nation	\$18,241
	Total:	\$631,200

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The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to be a valuable resource for assisting local law enforcement in providing public safety services in predominantly Native American communities. If you have any questions about this program please contact Sabrina Gentile, Bureau of Justice Programs, directly at (608) 287-4310.

Sincerely,


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